

Easter thimbles

There is a growing trend to have collections within thimble collections and a small, specialised themed area is Easter thimbles. For thimbles to fit within this category they should be dated. This then qualifies them both as commemorative as well as Easter thimbles.

The *Thimble Guild* of Biggar in Scotland has featured Easter thimbles in their catalogues over the years. These seem to be undated or only produced for one year. If the thimbles are not branded, it is difficult to track the makers after the event.

Lorraine Bates

china – Woodsetton, UK
see also: Woodsetton thimbles topic



1984

		<p>Easter 1987 22ct gold egg atop b&w image</p>		
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Debbie Beam

handpainted wood – Edgecomb, Maine USA




1996

		<p>Easter 1991 cross</p>		<p>Easter 1997</p>
		<p>Easter 1992</p>		<p>Easter 1998</p>

	Easter 1993		Easter 1999
	Easter 1995		


Birchcroft

fine bone china – UK

	Happy Easter <i>undated</i>		
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Jenny Blair Designs

frosted glass cased in silver – York, UK
see also: Jenny Blair thimbles topic

	Easter (1993) with four abalone eggs		
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Caverswall

China – Longton, Stoke-on-Trent UK
John Chown founded Caverswall

	Easter 1978 signed M. Grant		Easter 1986
	Easter 1979 signed M. Grant		Easter 1987

	Easter 1979 signed M. Grant			Easter 1988				
	Easter 1981			Easter 1989				
	Easter 1982			Easter 1990				
			Easter 1983 signed John Ball				Easter 1991	
				Easter 1984				Easter 1992
		Easter 1985 pewter at R undated L : b&w photo			Easter 1993			



CCI

handpainted pewter

	Easter undated		
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Cornish Thimbles

china – Cornwall, UK

	<p>Easter 2005</p>		<p>Easter 2012</p>
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Joy Darius




handpainted china

	<p>Easter <i>undated</i></p>		
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Gili Davis

handpainted china – South Africa – died 2015



		<p>Happy Easter 2004</p>		<p>Easter 2013 only 15 painted</p>
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Val de Vries



handpainted china or wood – Clare, South Australia



			<p>Easter 2005</p>		<p>Easter <i>undated</i></p>
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Nance Dunne


handpainted china – Arizona, USA

	<p>Easter 1997</p>		<p>Easter <i>undated</i></p>
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Sally Eaglesham

China - Scotland

designer for The Thimble Guild

	<p>Easter 2006 <i>undated</i></p>		
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Enesco

bisque porcelain

	<p>Easter 1985 created by Ruth Morehead</p>		<p>Easter 1991 bunny in basket</p>
	<p>Easter 1991</p>		<p>Easter <i>undated</i> eggs in many pastel colours</p>
	<p>Easter 1991</p>		<p>Easter <i>undated</i></p>

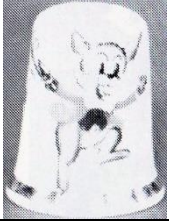
Finsbury

fine bone china - UK

	<p>Happy Easter 1988 <i>undated</i> pair see also Sutherland</p>		
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Frika

English fine bone china - Netherlands

	<p>Vrolijke paasen 1992 <i>undated</i> b&w photo</p>		
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Stephen Frost – Warwick Models

handpainted articulated pewter – Warwick, UK
 previously the chief modeller for McMillan & Wife

	<p>Easter 1994 <i>undated</i></p>		<p>Easter 1996 <i>undated</i></p>
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Gallo Pewter

USA

	<p>Easter 1992 signed E Vincent</p>		
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Ginnie (Virginia Wellman)

handpainted porcelain - USA

	<p>Easter 1990 <i>undated</i></p>		
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Nicholas Gish

part-painted articulated pewter – USA – died 2006



1997

	<p>Happy Easter 1990</p>		
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The Good Company

porcelain – Woodland Hills, California USA
a division of Applause

	<p>Easter 1989</p>		<p>Easter 1989</p>
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Gwahaniaeth Crafts (Bryn & Doris Weightman)

handpainted clay over metal – Wales
mainly figural

	<p>Easter 1989 <i>undated</i></p>		
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Hazrah (Safinah, Mariam and Sarah)

handmade and handpainted bronze - St Louis, Mauritius
see also: Hazrah thimbles topic

	<p>Easter 2007 <i>undated</i></p>		<p>Happy Easter in Mauritius <i>undated</i></p>
	<p>Easter <i>undated</i></p>		

Heritage Collection

sterling silver - UK

in Australia, Heritage Collections marketed hallmarked these thimbles
 each issue has the maker's mark of a different silversmith - all were assayed in Birmingham. All are
 lightweight (.999 silver) and boxed with authenticity numbered, certificates
 some certificates attest that they were made for the Australian market others would have been
 made for the British and American markets

once the thimble is removed from the box, they lose the connection with Heritage Collection

		<p>Easter 1975 Ammonite Ltd (ALtd) 2500 made for Australia L: 1000 silver gilt</p>		<p>Easter 1983 Charles Owen George (COG) 2500 made for Australia 1000 silver gilt</p>	
		<p>Easter 1978 Ammonite Ltd (ALtd) different from 1983 daffs</p>			<p>Easter undated stamped 'silver'</p>
		<p>Easter 1978 Ammonite Ltd (ALtd)</p>			<p>Easter 1984 BL 2500 made for Australia</p>
		<p>Easter 1982 Ammonite Ltd (ALtd)</p>			

Hurley Porcelain

thimbles were handpainted by Wendy Bowen of New York; and others as indicated. Bowen was trained at Royal Worcester. Hurley Porcelain ceased production in 1981



1978

	<p>Easter 1978 painted by S Lewis</p>		<p>Easter 1980</p>
	<p>Easter 1979 painted by Gayle</p>		<p>Easter 1981 painted by Lee R: b&w photo</p>

Tilly Kadletz

handpainted lacquer on brass- Nadelberg, Austria, using Settmacher thimbles – handpainted thimbles done by US painters

	<p>Easter 1975 b&w photo</p>		<p>Easter 1976</p>
	<p>Easter 1975 b&w photo</p>		<p>Easter 1979</p>

Lindner


porcelain – Bavaria, Germany

	<p>Ostern 1998 four-sided</p>		<p>Ostern 2003 four-sided</p>
	<p>Easter 1998 <i>undated</i> outside egg in a basket handpainted</p>		<p>Easter 2004 <i>undated</i> outside egg in a basket handpainted</p>

	<p>Ostern 1999 four-sided fluted rim</p>		<p>Easter 2009 <i>Undated</i> four-sided handpainted</p>
	<p>Ostern 2001 four-sided</p>		<p>Easter <i>undated</i></p>
	<p>Frohe Ostern 2002 four-sided</p>		

Marienela Miniatures

Handmade, polymer clay

	<p>Easter [2015]</p>		
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Masons Ironstone

UK

see: [Learn More About Thimbles](#) for more on this thimble maker

	<p>Happy Easter <i>undated</i></p>		<p>Happy Easter <i>undated</i></p>
	<p>Happy Easter <i>undated</i></p>		

Julie Menzies

handpainted china - Scotland

	<p>Easter 1994</p>		<p>Easter 2004 <i>undated</i></p>
	<p>Easter 2000 <i>undated</i> painted on Settmacher nickel thimble with glass apex</p>		

Felix Morel


various metals - Pulteney Bridge, Bath UK

see also: Felix Morel thimble topic

	<p>Easter 1989 <i>undated</i></p>		<p>Easter 1993 <i>undated</i></p>
	<p>Easter 1992 <i>undated</i></p>		<p>Easter <i>undated</i></p>
	<p>Easter 1992 <i>undated</i></p>		<p>Easter <i>undated</i></p>
	<p>Easter 1993 <i>undated</i></p>		


MOT (Martha Shaw)

handpainted wood – she paints in folk-art style – Anderson, South Carolina USA

	<p>Easter 1998</p>		
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Ronnie Parker


leather - New Lanark, Scotland

	Easter 1984		
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Mandy Page


polyclay over metal - Sussex, England



	Easter 2001 <i>undated</i>		
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Graham Payne

handpainted china - Worcester, UK
see also: Graham Payne thimble topic

	Easter 1982		Easter 1986
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Rachel Pugh

china - Scotland
designer for The Thimble Guild



2003

	<p>Easter 2001 <i>undated</i></p>		<p>Easter 2003 limited to 100</p>
	<p>Happy Easter 2001</p>		<p>Easter 2005</p>
	<p>Easter 2002 - March 31st</p>		

Roba (Dolores Robaczewski)

handpainted china - USA

	<p>Easter 1985 limited to 2000</p>		
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Nikki Shaw

handpainted glass - Glass Attic Somerset, UK

	<p>Easter 2004 <i>undated</i></p>		
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John C Spray

handpainted glass - Leicester, UK

	Easter 1997 <i>undated</i>		Easter 2004 <i>undated</i>
	Easter 2003 <i>undated</i>		



Sutherland

china - UK

	Easter 1997 <i>undated</i> 'Hunting the Easter eggs'		Happy Easter <i>undated</i> see also: Finsbury
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James Swann & Sons (JS&S)

enamelled sterling silver - Birmingham, UK

	Easter 2003 hallmark date		Easter 2003 hallmark date limited to 125
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Swann Thimbles (S(T))

sterling silver - Birmingham, UK

	Easter 2003 hallmark date		
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The Thimble Guild

china - Scotland

	Easter 2008 <i>undated</i>		Easter 2011 <i>undated</i>
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Ullmannsglass

crystal – Bavaria, Germany
see also: Glass thimbles topic

	<p>Easter 1994 <i>undated</i></p>		
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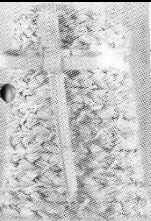


Meg Urwin (Thimbleworld)

bone china – Kelso, Scotland

	<p>Easter 1993 <i>undated</i></p>		<p>Easter 1993 <i>undated</i> 'The glory of Easter' 'Love supreme life eternal'</p>
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Jacqueline Walker

crochet – Coventry, UK

	<p>Easter 1987 <i>undated</i> raffia b&w photo</p>		<p>Easter 2002 <i>undated</i></p>
	<p>Easter 1990 <i>undated</i></p>		

Woodsetton Peeps

brass - Gill and David Bates – Dudley, UK
see also: Woodsetton thimbles topic

	<p>Easter Greetings 2003</p>		<p>Easter 2008</p>
	<p>Easter 2004 words of The Lord's Prayer</p>		

Others

	<p>Happy Easter 1977</p>		<p>Easter 2013</p>
	<p>Happy Easter 1986 USA</p>		<p>Easter 2013 <i>undated</i></p>
	<p>Easter 1987 <i>undated</i> handpainted metal</p>		<p>Happy Easter April 2017</p>
	<p>Easter 1997 <i>undated</i> pewter</p>		<p>Happy Easter 2021</p>
	<p>Easter 2003 <i>undated</i> Moscow</p>		<p>Easter <i>undated</i></p>
	<p>Easter 2006 <i>undated</i></p>		<p>Easter <i>undated</i> (no later than 1979) b&w photo</p>
	<p>Easter 2007</p>		<p>Happy Easter <i>undated</i></p>
	<p>Easter 2007</p>		<p>Easter <i>undated</i> handpainted wood</p>

	Easter 2008 handpainted wood Russia Cyrillic name lettered at rim		Easter <i>undated</i> handpainted Korea b&w photo
	Easter 2008 <i>undated</i>		Easter <i>undated</i>
	Easter 2008 <i>undated</i>		
	Easter 2011 <i>undated</i>		

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